

final numbers. These are important facts; they do not solve all of the perplexing problems surrounding the publication of Wilkes' book, but at least we have a terminal date (which has been in question for over two hundred years), and we now know the year in which Benjamin Wilkes died.

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RECORDS OF MIGRANT LEPIDOPTERA TAKEN IN EASTBOURNE DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1977. — During the autumn of this year a number of species were taken at my Robinson trap which overlooks the sea at Eastbourne. Upon the evening of the 15th September a single male *Mythimna albipuncta* Schiff., later upon the 22nd October, four examples of *M. vitellina* Hübn., came to the light with two freshly emerged *Lithophane leautieri* Boisduval, which may have bred upon the juniper and cypress bushes in the garden. — M. HADLEY, 4 Royal Crescent, London, W.11.

MIGRANT LEPIDOPTERA IN WEST SUSSEX. — The following noteworthy lepidoptera were taken at my m.v. trap here in October 1977: *Palpita unionalis* Hbn., October 20th (2), 21st (2), 22nd (1), 25th (1). *Orthonama obstipata* F., October 18th (2), 20th (1), 21st (2), 22nd (1), 25th (1). *Mythimna vitellina* Hbn., October 9th (2), 13th (1), 19th (1), 25th (1). *M. albipuncta* D. & S., October 8th (1). — R. R. PICKERING, 123 Manor Way, Aldwick Bay, Bognor Regis.

THE LEAST CARPET (*IDAEA VULPINARIA* H.-S.) IN HAMPSHIRE. — On the night of 11th-12th July, 1977, I captured a specimen of *I. vulpinaria* in the m.v. trap in my garden at Ashurst. Mr. A. H. Dobson confirmed the identification. Mr. B. Goater informs me that this is the first record of this species for Hampshire. — Dr. J. C. A. CRAIK, Department of Oceanography, The University, Southampton.

MIGRANTS IN SOUTH DEVON, 1977. — During a holiday in Malborough, S. Devon, I had the pleasure of taking *Mythimna vitellina* Hbn. on the 13th July and another one on the 14th July. These were in a m.v. trap seething with hundreds of moths, mostly *Agrotis exclamatoris* L. and a few *Sphinx ligustri* L. to add to the melee. I also observed one *Macroglossum stellatarum* L. at Start Point Lighthouse on the 15th July. — ROBERT DYKE, 105 Manor Road, Enfield, Middx.